

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 13, 2026

The Legislative Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Shipp, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: President Shipp, Ms. Havemann, Ms. Morris, Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Furry, Mr. Hunt

Absent: Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Lindow, Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by swearing in of Patrol Officer Tanner A. Doenges.

Chief Lichman thanked family, friends, and colleagues for joining them this evening to show support for Tanner Doenges. He shared that Tanner has almost four years of experience with the Euclid police department and he is sure that he is going to bring a lot of experience to our community which will strengthen the police department from day one. He asked that Officer Doenges embrace the department's core values of integrity, professionalism, duty, courage, and teamwork in everything he does and allow these values to guide his service to the residents of Rocky River. Chief thanked his family as career in law enforcement requires sacrifice not only from those who serve, but also from the families that support them every day.

- Mayor Bobst thanked everyone for their attendance this evening and proceeded to swear in Patrol Officer Tanner A. Doenges.
- The Mayor shared the PO Doenges joined them in welcoming the Big Boy Steam Engine Train earlier today.
- PO Doenges extended a thank you to the Mayor and the Chief. He appreciates this opportunity and is really happy to be here and looks forward to serving this community.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Shipp, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes for the June 22, 2026, Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

Vote:	Gallagher – aye	Furry- aye	Hunt- abstain	
	Shipp – aye	Havemann – aye	Morris – aye	
	5– ayes	1 – abstain	0 - nays	PASSED

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bobst shared that the Big Boy No. 4014 made a stop in Rocky River earlier today and a few thousand spectators were gathered at the Train Depot to welcome it. Everyone was in good spirits and happy and excited to be there even with the heat. She thanked Cleveland Water for bringing their large water truck. They had communicated with all the businesses and churches in that area, but thousands of individuals and cars made it a little difficult to get around and get out of the area. They had a few calls

from outside the area, but she believes that their own residents realized how busy it was going to be and rode bikes, walked, etc. This was a scheduled maintenance stop planned by Norfolk Southern which is why they were here for half an hour. Director Snyder, Service, and the Police and Fire all did a great job. They did need to transport six or seven individuals to the hospital for various reasons. While this wasn't their event those are the kind of things they need to plan for as a community for an event like this. She believes they did the best they could. Hopefully everyone got to see Big Boy and what it represents about their past and future as a country.

Mayor Bobst extended a thank you to the Councilmembers that were able to be with them yesterday to serve Pie in the Park for their Red, River and Blue Sunday. She also thanked Howard Hanna who donated the money so that everyone could have ice cream with their pie which worked out very well. It was a very successful event. She noted that BerryDunn, the consultant that is helping with their strategic plan, was there giving people surveys and QR codes to gather information about recreation facilities and programming. They were really impressed and pleased with what they saw and will be discussing as they meet with various committees tomorrow.

Mayor Bobst shared that she is pleased and proud to say that Director Lindow, who hasn't even been with them a full year, received a clean audit on time.

- Director Lindow shared that when he was here last year, he did not assist in last year's audit. This was a large challenge and undertaking to get everything in on time and be efficient, timely, and accurate with the audit firms. As well as answering all their questions and deep diving into lots of things: payroll, debt, senior center, fire, courts, and the wastewater treatment plant. There were some things the City asked them to take extra looks at for their better understanding moving forward. He's very pleased that it was on time and received a clean audit opinion. He has worked with some of these auditors years ago and he's maintained a good relationship with them and they see positives.
- Mayor Bobst congratulated Director Lindow and his team on the accomplishment of a clean audit.
- Director Lindow thanked all city departments and especially the finance staff. He can't do this without them. Especially for him coming on mid-year and having to audit a full year of records in a matter of months with staff and getting everyone up to speed. He's glad it is done and positively looking forward to next year.
- Mayor Bobst advised that they monitor the budget day in and day out, but they do midyear budget review with all the directors to talk about the first six months to discuss if they're on target and begin discussions for next year. She will share the results of those meetings when they come back from recess.

Mayor Bobst announced that this week Wagar will get its final course of asphalt. They will still need to complete some striping so it may not be fully open by week's end, but they are getting there and that will put them about three or four weeks earlier than anticipated. She noted that they've had really good weather, which has helped with all their projects. Next week Center Ridge will get their final surface course. She remarked that they will be so happy when all those projects are completed.

Mayor Bobst shared that the Ohio EPA performs inspections of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and advised that some reviews are more comprehensive than others. This was a year for a comprehensive review, and she is happy to report that the plant was found to be in compliance with 'no recommendations for improvement' which is almost unheard of. She shared that Director Barille is celebrating an important birthday on Friday, and she can't think of a better gift than this accolade from the EPA for someone who has dedicated his life to wastewater treatment and the environment. The EPA generally finds something that they want them to work on. Director Barille has been working closely with them and earned their

respect.

Mayor Bobst advised that the county has informed them that property tax bills were going out this week and they are due on August 13th. At some point, the City will send out a ReadyNotify to residents alerting them that the payment is due whether they receive their notification or not.

Mayor Bobst shared that The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission granted Rocky River a Planning Services Grant for Detroit Rd. She thanked Director Kerber and Director Snyder who put that together. She thanked Council for approving that ordinance so they could apply for those funds and now they have them.

Mayor Bobst noted that RITA is sending out letters to non-filers. There are about 2,400 non-filers for local income tax. Those letters would have gone out about a week ago, but if residents have questions, direct them to RITA. If Director Lindow can be helpful let him know.

Mayor Bobst shared that they received a beautiful and generous gift from The American Legion. The American Legion sold their lodge to Roundstone who is doing a small development there. As a result, the City has welcomed The American Legion to hold their meetings at Memorial Hall at no charge. They approached her and wanted to extend a gift to The City of Rocky River and gave an extremely generous gift. With that they turned around and bought all the new flags on the utility poles and around this campus and down Detroit Rd as a result of their generous contribution. The American Legion wants to do other things in the community as well. They were here during Red, River and Blue handing out Honor Flags. Their goal is to grow their membership and visibility in the community. She thanked them for their service and their generous gift.

Mayor Bobst advised that the Historical Society is running an essay and art contest for America 250. It's posted on their Facebook and website: <https://www.rockyriverhistoricalsociety.org/>. Their community picnic to celebrate America's 250th Birthday is September 13th with all kinds of activities planned.

Lastly, Mayor Bobst shared that a former Rocky River Councilwoman, Donna Clifford, passed away several days ago and her funeral was Saturday. Donna was one of the first elected officials Mayor Bobst met when she moved to Rocky River and she struck her as someone who loved to reach out to the community and get feedback from residents. At the time, they were dealing with an issue that became legendary, the debate to put a jail where there is now a Senior Living Facility, which met with a lot of opposition, and ultimately wasn't approved by Council. This debate engaged a number of people in the community. At the time, she and Ms. Clifford happened to be serving on a Civic Organization together and discussed the issue and community involvement. Since that time, she's tried to be mindful to remember who we represent. We all represent the residents and their wishes, and while we have a lot of knowledge what they are doing is ultimately on behalf of their residents, so getting their input is critical. The Cliffords moved to Chicago, which is why she vacated her Council seat, but they moved back because they loved Rocky River. She will be missed.

- Councilman Furry noted that when 700 Lake began to get traction at the time The Cliffords were living in Harbor Village and he reached out to get her comments both as a resident and former councilwoman and she gave him her opinion.

LAW REPORT: Director O'Shea echoed the Mayor comments regarding the Big Boy Train. Noting that the Fire and Police Department did a wonderful job. There were a lot of unexpected events, and he praised their ability to adjust and adapt successfully. It was a great day with several thousand spectators.

- Mayor Bobst thanked their mutual aid partners. They started transporting before the train arrived including a cardiac arrest. She extended thanks to Lakewood and Fairview Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 52-25

BY: HUNT

An Emergency Ordinance Amending Part Three - Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River to Prohibit the Operation of Low-Speed and Under-Speed Vehicles, as Further Described in Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading-On Hold)

Mr. Hunt advised that 52-25 remains on hold. He hopes that as they head into their recess that they can put their heads together to revisit this as they come out of recess and potentially send the EBike conversation to committee.

- Ms. Morris inquired if they are going to have a public comment on this.
- Mr. Hunt shared that they'll have all their normal meetings which are open to the public, but there are no specific informational meetings planned.
- President Shipp shared that if they get it out of committee, he anticipates residents will come for public comment at their Council Meetings. The committee can solicit public comment as well.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Unpaid Statement of Charge Amounts to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for Collection, in Accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio Whereby the City of Rocky River Paid All Expenses and Labor Costs out of City Funds for Sidewalk Reconstruction, Repair or Replacement and as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that Resolutions 38-26 and 39-26 are related, but different. 38-26 is for sidewalk reconstruction repairs or replacement. If you did not utilize your own contractor for said work the City paid all expenses and labor costs for the work. June 12th the City sent out letters to all affected property owners requesting payment by July 13, 2026. Unlike the sewer account exhibit this list is not exhaustive and he expects to amend by substitution at the July 27 meeting with a trimmed down list.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Delinquent Sanitary Sewer Accounts to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for Collection, in Accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio and as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that this is their annual delinquent sewer accounts as of 12/31/25 that will be certified to the property owners' taxes. Like 38-26 letters went out June 12th requesting payment by July 13th. They started out with 496 parcels totaling \$150,152.32 and have since whittled it down to 369 parcels totaling \$116,308.24. For comparative purposes last year's final resolution was 343 parcels for \$116,308.24. He found the similarities interesting. He plans to amend by substitution at the next legislative meeting for final submission.

President Shipp advised that the following ordinances are the Charter Review Commission Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 1 of Article II of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Term of Office for the Mayor and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that are just passing through Council procedurally so unless anyone has a particular question, they will not be having any discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 3 of Article II of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Removal of the Mayor and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 42-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Term of Office for Council and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 43-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Term of Office for the Law Director and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 44-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Removal of Law Director and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 45-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Recall Process and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 46-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Sections 1,2, and 3 of Article IX and Remove Sections 4 and 5 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding Nominations and Elections and Declaring an Emergency (2nd Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 47-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Unpaid Property Maintenance Costs to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for Collection in Accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio and as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry shared that this Resolution is similar to 38-26 and 39-26 but differs in that this is for the City providing property maintenance for unkempt properties. Effected property owners were invoiced in December 2025 requesting payment in full by January 7, 2026, which took them to this last unpaid parcel. He does not anticipate tabling this item and plans to seek passage at their next legislative meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety Service to Enter into an Agreement with Refuse Equipment and Truck Services, Inc., for the Transfer Station Compactor Replacement at a Cost Not to Exceed \$333,635.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this is an agreement with Refuse Equipment and Truck Services, Inc. (RETS) for the replacement of one of the City's aging transfer station compactor systems located at the Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Facility, 22401 Lake Road. There are two sides to the compactor – one used for yard waste, and one used for refuse. The side that needs replacing is for refuse. Following a competitive Request for Proposals process conducted in May 2026, two proposals were received and evaluated. Based on the review of qualifications, scope, and pricing, Director Synder is recommending awarding the contract to RETS to be funded through the City's Equipment Purchase Fund. The other vendor's proposal was incomplete and did not include the requested electrical work or reinforcement to the hopper.

The transfer station compactor is a critical component of the City's solid waste operations. The existing unit has reached the end of its useful life, and the surrounding infrastructure has experienced significant wear from years of operation. The project is designed as a complete turnkey replacement and modernization effort that will improve reliability, reduce maintenance concerns, and extend the service life of the facility.

The work includes removal and disposal of the existing compactor, power unit, compactor stand, and hydraulic lift platform. The new compactor, identical in function to the current unit, will be installed along with a new hydraulic power unit and associated controls. The project also addresses longstanding structural and operational concerns by installing new stabilization components, upgrading mounting systems, reconnecting and testing safety equipment, and performing all necessary testing and commissioning prior to operation.

An important component of the project is rehabilitation of the transfer pit hopper walls. Due to years of abrasive refuse handling, the concrete walls have become significantly worn. To protect the structure and improve long-term durability, steel wear plates will be installed throughout the hopper area. RETS' proposal includes installation of 3/16-inch steel liner plates and anchoring systems designed to protect the existing concrete structure.

The contract price consists of a turnkey base proposal of \$310,000 for removal, replacement, installation, and pit rehabilitation work, plus \$2,100 for additional wear plate improvements and an optional hydraulic-operated "J" hook locking mechanism for trailer-to-compactor connection for \$21,535. The hydraulic "J" hook mechanism will allow the trailer to be connected to the transfer station with hydraulic hooks versus the current method of manual cranking, which sometimes jams and is also a safety concern for the employees.

Equipment fabrication is estimated to require approximately 22 weeks, and the project specifications establish a required completion date of February 28, 2027. Approval of this ordinance will allow the City to

proceed immediately with ordering the equipment and maintaining the project schedule to ensure uninterrupted transfer station operations. He advised that the plan is to use the yard waste side for refuse while the refuse side is being replaced so there should be no downtime in processing. A packer will be used for the yard waste.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety Service to Enter into an Agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company, Inc., for the Emergency Repair of Storm and Sanitary Sewers Within the City of Rocky River at a Cost Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this ordinance is for Emergency Sewer Repair Program to City sewer infrastructure for emergency repairs only. Funds for this agreement have been appropriated as part of the 2026 Budget. They publicly bid the proposal, and Director Snyder sent the package directly to multiple contractors that he's worked with and felt had the capabilities to perform the work. They only received one bid from Fabrizi Trucking and Paving. Director Snyder modified the proposal this year to eliminate the street repair portion of the work in hopes that they would receive more bids from sewer contractors who did not have asphalt repair capabilities. The street repair portion was separately bid, and they received no bids for that.

Sewer repair costs increased significantly with a slight increase for manhole repair and no increase for catch basin repair. Director Snyder is planning to utilize Fabrizi and this contract only on an emergency basis. Non-emergency repairs will be quoted by multiple contractors on a case-by-case basis to provide the best pricing possible and Director Snyder plans to work with our Sewer Division to perform more work in-house. Fabrizi performs a lot of work within the City of Rocky River. The City has a strong working relationship with them, and they have always been very responsive and effective when we need emergency repair.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-26

BY: MORAN

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into an Agreement with AECOM Technical Services for Hydraulic Modeling of SSO 306 to Conduct a Closure Investigation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$48,000.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that The City of Rocky River is required under a U.S. EPA Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to continue evaluating conditions associated with Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) 306 and to identify the actions necessary to support its eventual closure. The AOC currently requires closure of SSO 306 by April 22, 2027, making it necessary for the City to complete the technical evaluations needed to determine whether that deadline can be achieved and what additional improvements may be required.

In 2020, the City retained AECOM to perform hydraulic modeling and evaluate the feasibility of closing the sanitary sewer overflow within Sershed 12. That analysis concluded that immediate closure of SSO 306 would result in unacceptable levels of sanitary sewage backup into residential basements during 2-, 5-, and 10-year storm events, making closure infeasible without additional system improvements. They received more time and made more improvements and since then they've had significant investment in public sewer separation and replacement projects, targeted inflow and infiltration reduction efforts, and private property corrective actions within the tributary areas contributing to SSO 306. Recent flow monitoring has demonstrated measurable reductions in groundwater infiltration, wet-weather flows, and sewer surcharging

in those improved areas.

This contract, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$48,000, will allow AECOM to update the City's hydraulic model using the most current information and assess how the overall system performs during wet-weather events and will provide the technical documentation we need to quantify the effectiveness of their improvement that they've made since 2020 and identify any remaining constraints and determine what actions, if any, they need to take so they can pursue closure of this overflow outfall.

- Ms. Havemann noted that she is going to abstain herself from conversation and vote to avoid any conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-26

BY: HAVEMANN

An Emergency Ordinance Amending the Sidewalk Maintenance Code Within Chapter 904 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, as Further Described in the Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

Ms. Havemann advised that this Ordinance is to amend, modernize and clarify the City's sidewalk maintenance program by providing clearer standards and procedures for property owners. It will clarify the sidewalk inspection process, define sidewalk defects through objective criteria, establish an appeal process, modify non-compliance procedures, and revise snow and ice removal requirements – which would exempt residential occupants from having to comply with snow removal requirements as they were not enforceable.

ORDINANCE NO. 52-26

BY: HUNT

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Safety-Service to Purchase Two (2) 2026 Ford Explorer Utility Interceptors from Statewide Ford for the Police Department at a Cost Not to Exceed \$139,622.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

Mr. Hunt advised that this ordinance would allow for the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorer/Police Utility Interceptor vehicles for the Division of Police from Statewide Ford. He noted that last week President Shipp shared the letter of support from Chief Lichman. For as long as he's been on Council they've tried to keep up with vehicle purchases to maintain the fleet even though the mechanics do a great job keeping the vehicles rolling until it gets to the point with the excessive wear and tear where they need replacement. In particular, this year they are replacing a vehicle damaged as a result of a traffic crash. These vehicles are the lifeline for their officers, and they want to make sure they outfit them with the best equipment possible.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving, Company, Inc., for the Beachcliff and Cornwall Sewer Improvement Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,673,393.50, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A."

President Shipp advised that the City received three bids for this project. After review by the City Engineer and the Director of Public Safety-Service, Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company was determined to be the lowest and best bidder. The bid is \$126,606.50 below the engineer's estimate of \$6.8 million.

The project includes replacement of aging sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and water mains along Beachcliff Boulevard and Cornwall Road, as well as roadway reconstruction, replacement of catch basins and

manholes, new curbs and aprons, and related infrastructure improvements. This work will be from Avalon to Parkside and then from Frazier to Argyle.

Beyond the underground infrastructure improvements, the project also includes several enhancements that support pedestrian safety and neighborhood livability. These improvements include roadway and intersection narrowing, traffic-calming measures, a new sidewalk connection along Beachcliff Boulevard, and a raised pedestrian crossing. These features were developed through the City's planning and public engagement process and improve safety and walkability without requiring any acquisition of private property.

The City conducted a public information meeting on April 28, 2026, to present the project scope, construction schedule, maintenance of traffic plan, and pedestrian safety improvements, and to receive feedback from residents.

The City has secured outside funding to assist with the project, including a \$197,750 grant from the Cleveland Division of Water's Suburban Water Main Renewal Program and an Ohio Public Works Commission loan of up to 30% of the cost of the project, but not-to-exceed \$2,223,300 with a 30-year repayment period that does not commence until the completion of the project. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recovery Database demonstrated no results, and they expect three full reads for this legislation.

- Mayor Bobst noted that Cleveland Water replaced all the lead lines through the Lead Line Replacement Program with dollars they received from the federal government and that work has been completed on Beachcliff.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 54-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Resolution to Approve the Petition, Attached Hereto as Exhibit A, to Add Territory to the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District and for a Special Energy Improvement Project Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Approve the Necessity of Acquiring, Installing, Equipping, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Rocky River, Ohio in Cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (The Normandy Pace Project) (1st Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that the next three pieces of legislation are all related, but 54-26 is the most important and sets the precedent. Ohio Revised Code 1710 is a relatively new section that was effective October 2023 that allows property owners to be included in Energy Special Improvement Districts (ESID). The ESID that is already in place is the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (NEOAED) which was the first one in Ohio created by the City of Cleveland, Beachwood and Rocky River were the first suburbs to join as we did a smaller project with the apartments on Hillard. The NEOAED is a local non-profit that helps businesses get cheap easy loans for clean energy and lets property owners pay for upgrades over time via property taxes. It lowers utility bills without costing the City extra money. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a layaway plan for building improvements. Instead of paying a lump sum for solar panels you pay over many years, which is why this is called the Normandy Pace Project. This petition requests that the project be added to the district and that the City levy special assessments to pay the cost of the project. For clarity on page 10 of Exhibit E Section 9 last paragraph: releases, defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the advanced energy district and the participating political subdivision including their officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all against claims actions demands costs damages or lawsuits arising out of or connected with your participation in the advanced energy districts commercial industrial program. The City of Rocky River

is basically a conduit.

- President Shipp noted that this project doesn't require any funds from the City and this is just a procedural mechanism that they're participating in.
- Ms. Morris inquired if they had already joined this when they helped the apartment complex.
- Mayor Bobst advised that they were already members of PACE however each time this is utilized for a project it will come to Council for approval.
- Mr. Furry noted that Director Kerber advised that if Council would like anyone to come speak to them about the program, she can arrange it. He noted that they would like to have this passed before recess so he will likely be seeking a rule suspension at their next legislative meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 55-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Ordinance Determining to Proceed with the Acquisition, Installation, Equipment, and Improvement of Certain Public Improvements in the City of Rocky River, Ohio in Cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (1st Reading)

Mr. Furry noted that this is a companion piece to 54-26 and 56-26. This is basically an agreement that the City agrees to move forward and proceed with the PACE project. After they adopted this project as part of the NEOAED. It does set a cap on the special assessments which is estimated to be \$2,375,036.14. The City has no financial risk, and they are just a conduit. Once they receive these special assessment dollars it goes out the next month. He will also be seeking a rule suspension on this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Acquiring, Installing, Equipping, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Rocky River, Ohio in Cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Assignment Agreement, Attached Hereto as Exhibit B, and a Special Assessment Agreement, Attached Hereto as Exhibit C, with respect to the same (1st Reading)

Mr. Furry advised this is a companion piece to 54-26 and 55-26. Normandy Associated Limited Partnership and Manulife John Hancock Brokerage Services entered into a financing agreement and acting as a conduit the City levies the special assessment. The schedule of assessment was included with 48 semi-annual principal interest payments beginning February '27. He noticed it had the payments going to 52 and he's having Director Kerber check. He is curious about the useful life of those panels although it's not really for him to worry about.

- Mayor Bobst added that when they became a PACE community, they paid a \$5,000 fee and from that point on they remain in that community. She believes they pay approximately \$1,000 a year.
- Director Lindow didn't recall the exact amount offhand, but he concurred that it was a nominal amount.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Digioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC., for the Rockcliff Drive Improvement Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,813,777.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A." (1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that the City received two bids for this project. Following a review by the City

Engineer and the Director of Public Safety-Service, DiGioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC. was determined to be the lowest and best bidder. The bid is \$186,223.00 below the engineer's estimate of \$3,000,000.00.

The project consists of the replacement of aging sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure along Rockcliff Drive, roadway reconstruction, replacement of catch basins and manholes, pavement restoration, curbs, driveway aprons, and other associated public infrastructure improvements. The improvements are intended to enhance the reliability of the City's underground utility system while improving the condition and longevity of the roadway. The project will also incorporate a raised pedestrian crossing and 8' concrete multiuse trail that will connect the existing trail with Wooster Road. These improvements were recommended as part of the 2021 Community Confluence TLCI between Rocky River, Cuyahoga County, Lakewood, and the Metro Parks.

Approximately \$1,350,000 of outside funding will be applied to the project from Cleveland Division of Water's Suburban Watermain Renewal Program and \$1,000,000 awarded to the City as part of the 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act and recommended by Congressman Max Miller. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recovery Database demonstrated no result. President Shipp advised that he expects three full reads for this legislation.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-26

BY: SHIPP

An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Safety Service to Purchase Parts and Services as Needed From Signal Service Company, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000.00, as Further Described in Exhibit "A." (1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that Signal Service Company performs service and installation of many traffic and signal related systems within the City. They provide a high level of service at competitive prices to the Service Department's Traffic Division and are often used to troubleshoot the systems when the Traffic Division needs assistance.

The additional authorization to expend funds will be used to replace the damaged signal mast at the intersection of Detroit and Erie once components become available and maintain services for the remainder of 2026. He noted that a car hit that mast and damaged it, which is why it needs replacement. The Traffic Division has already obtained quotes for the replacement and found Signal Service's pricing to be lowest and best. Signal Service will also be installing the new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on Detroit, adjacent to the High School and St. Christopher. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recovery Database demonstrated no results.

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE NO. 31-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Administer Funds From the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Community Planning Services Program, For the Detroit Road Corridor Strategic Plan and Streetscape Design Standards Project (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this is the resolution the Mayor referenced in her report. This resolution supports our application for the funds from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Community Planning Services Program for the Detroit Road Corridor Strategic Plan and Streetscape Design Standards Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

A Resolution Establishing that Rocky River City County Shall Recess During the Month of August in 2026 (3rd Reading)

Mr. Shipp advised that this is their annual resolution establishing that Rocky River City Council will recess during the month of August.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-26

BY: MORAN

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Safety Service Director to Purchase Equipment and Repair Services from Huber Technology, Inc. for the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant in an Amount not to Exceed \$140,000 as Further Described in Exhibit "A" (2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this ordinance would allow Huber Technology to make a repair to screening equipment. Repair is needed, due to age and debris blocking the screen a chain snapped contorting some of the structural elements of this equipment. These screens are the sole source and unique to the footprint installation back in 2008. Due to the technical nature of the screens the parts provided are very expensive and account for 90% of the cost. These screens are the first line of defense to the plant to catch most of the big damaging material in the sewer like wood, furniture, bricks, branches, wipes, etc.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Havemann, that the consent agenda be passed.

Vote:	Gallagher – aye	Furry- aye	Hunt- aye	
	Shipp – aye	Havemann – aye	Morris – aye	
	6– ayes	0 – abstain	0 - nays	PASSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: President Shipp noted that he's had quite a few residents reach out and he's seen some emails he was copied on to the Safety Service Director asking about the speed tables and some pilot project equipment they put in place last year which was taken up in the winter and it hasn't been redeployed anywhere in the City yet this year. They've had a lot of questions about residents participating in their traffic calming program. Some have received confirmation that their street qualifies for things and they're anxious to put them in place. Hopefully next week they can get an update from Director Snyder on the redeployment of that equipment because a lot of residents miss it, especially on Northview and Shoreland.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Their next meeting will be a Committee of the Whole meeting July 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. As there was nothing further, the City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Christina Morris
President Pro Tem of Council



Lauren Oley
Clerk of Council